

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-42. (canceled)

43. (new) A microcircuit card assembly, comprising in combination:

a base with a pocket in said base, said base having a through-hole for receiving a key ring; and

a preliminary base card larger than said pocket, said preliminary base card having a weakened line that delimits a small card that is detachable from said preliminary base card at said weakened line, said small card being held within said pocket when inserted therein, said small card comprising an antenna and a microcircuit.

44. (new) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, further comprising a key ring passing through said through-hole.

45. (new) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein said small card is contactless.

46. (new) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein said base comprises a slot in an edge thereof extending to said pocket for insertion of the small card into said pocket.

47. (new) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 46, wherein said through-hole traverses said slot, said assembly

further comprising a key ring that extends through said through-hole to hold said small card in said pocket when inserted therein.

48. (new) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein said preliminary base card is substantially rectangular with a length of about 85 mm and a width of about 54 mm (in compliance with ID-1 standard).

49. (new) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein said pocket has a first dimension substantially equal to a first dimension of said small card and a second dimension at least as long as a second dimension of said small card so that said small card is held within said pocket when inserted therein.

50. (new) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein said base is more mechanically rigid than said small card.

51. (new) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein said base is permeable to electromagnetic energy received by said antenna.

52. (new) The microcircuit card assembly of claim 43, wherein a periphery of said base is at least partially rounded.

53. (new) A method of making a microcircuit card assembly, comprising the steps of:

providing a base with a pocket;

creating a through-hole in said base for receiving a key ring;

providing a preliminary base card larger than the pocket, the preliminary base card having a weakened line that

delimits a small card that is detachable from the preliminary base card at the weakened line and being insertable into the pocket so as to be held within said pocket when inserted therein, said small card having an antenna and a microcircuit; and

detaching the small card from the preliminary base card and inserting the small card into the pocket.

54. (new) The method of claim 53, further comprising the step of inserting a key ring through the through-hole.

55. (new) The method of claim 53, wherein the small card is contactless.

56. (new) The method of claim 53, wherein the base provided with a socket further comprises a slot extending from an edge of this base and extending to the pocket for insertion of the small card into the pocket.

57. (new) The method of claim 56, wherein the through-hole traverses said slot, and this method further comprises a step of inserting a key ring that extends through said through-hole to hold said small card in said pocket.

58. (new) The method of claim 53, wherein the preliminary base card is substantially rectangular with a length of about 85 mm and a width of about 54 mm (in compliance with ID-1 standard).

59. (new) The method of claim 53, wherein said pocket has a first dimension substantially equal to a first dimension of said small card and a second dimension at least as long as a

second dimension of said small card so that said small card is held within said pocket when inserted therein.

60. (new) The method of claim 53, wherein said base is more mechanically rigid than said small card.

61. (new) the method of claim 53, wherein said base is permeable to electromagnetic energy received by said antenna.

62. (new) The method of claim 53, wherein a periphery of said base is at least partially rounded.